



Montgomery County Planning Commission



2022 STAFF PROFILES



Community Planning • County Planning & GIS
Design Planning & Graphic Design
Environmental Planning • Trails & Open Space
Transportation Planning
Communications • Administration

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Our staff is divided into functional areas including county and GIS, community, environmental, open space, transportation, design and graphics, communications, and administrative services. Though organized into sections, we work collaboratively to achieve results that benefit the county.

Montgomery County Planning Commission Sections



Community
Planning



County Planning
& GIS



Design Planning &
Graphic Design



Environmental
Planning



Trails & Open
Space Planning



Transportation
Planning

PLANNING COMMISSION ORGANIZATION HIERARCHY

The mission of the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) is to strive to maintain and improve Montgomery County’s quality of life by promoting sound planning, strengthening the transportation network, supporting healthy and prosperous communities, and working to create vibrant places and protect natural and historic resources.

We will use our expertise to proactively guide strategic and long-range decisions through high-quality and innovative plans, promotion of choices, collaboration, engagement, and the balancing of competing interests, under the direction of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners.

Montgomery County Planning Commission
2022 Organizational Chart





Scott France, AICP

Executive Director

Joined MCPC: May 2003

Contact Info: 610.278.3747 • sfrance@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City Planning – University of Pennsylvania
B.S. – University of Kansas

Primary Responsibilities:

Management of all commission activities and 44 staff members; coordination with planning commission board; coordination with county commissioners, county departments, and outside agencies; internal administration (budget, personnel, contracts); public image; all commission planning programs; policy; staff coordination; special projects



Matthew Edmond, AICP

Assistant Director of Transportation & Long-Range Planning

Joined MCPC: June 2004

Contact Info: 610.278.3742 • medmond@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City Planning – University of Pennsylvania
B.A. Communications – Wheaton College

Primary Responsibilities:

Transportation and administration section management, county transportation policy development, project management, budgeting regional transportation planning/DVRPC liaison, Montgomery County Transportation Authority (MCTA) Executive Director



Pattie E. B. Guttenplan, RLA, AICP

Assistant Director of Design & Outreach

Joined MCPC: December 2017

Contact Info: 610.278.3972 • pguttenplan@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Landscape Architecture – Penn State University

Primary Responsibilities:

Management and supervision of urban and landscape design projects, development reviews and redesigns, design charrettes, graphics arts and services; management of the Montgomery Awards program; outreach to planning partners



Danielle Baer, AICP

Community Planner II

Joined MCPC: July 2020

Contact Info: 610.278.3751 • dbaer@montcopa.org

Education:

M.S. City and Regional Planning – Temple University

B.A. Geography and Economics – Bucknell University

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for New Hanover Township, Pottstown Borough, Perkiomen Township, and Souderton Borough



Simon Bernnard

County Planner

Joined MCPC: April 2021

Contact Info: 610.278.3741 • sbernard@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City and Regional Planning – Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

B.S. Environmental Studies and Geospatial Analysis – SUNY Plattsburgh

Primary Responsibilities:

Countywide data collection, data analysis, and report generation; safe routes to school and walkability audits; school district enrollment projection services; housing



Marley Bice, AICP

Principal Community Planner II

Joined MCPC: October 2012

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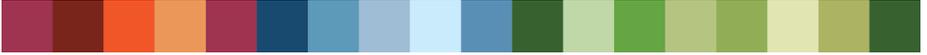
Education:

Master of City and Regional Planning – Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

B.S. Environmental Geology and Environmental Science – The College of William & Mary

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for Lower Merion Township, Jenkintown Borough, Horsham Township, Upper Gwynedd Township, and the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee



Karina Caddick

Assistant Administrator

Joined MCPC: December 2015

Contact Info: 610.278.3732 • kcaddick@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Accounting – Gwynedd Mercy University

Primary Responsibilities:

Office management, annual budget preparation, financial analysis and quarterly financial reports, expenses, purchasing, payroll, MCPC Board Acting Secretary



Donna Caramenico

Recycling Planner

Joined MCPC: January 2015

Contact Info: 610.278.3743 • dcaramen@montcopa.org

Education:

Pennsylvania Recycling Professional Certification and continuing education
Norristown Area High School

Primary Responsibilities:

Assistance with ongoing municipal waste planning, recycling, and waste reduction activities under Act 101



Robert Cartier

GIS Cartographer

Joined MCPC: October 1997

Contact Info: 610.278.3741 • rcartier@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Geography and Planning – West Chester University

Primary Responsibilities:

GIS analysis and maintenance, online mapping development, interdepartmental mapping liaison, help desk analyst, hardware technician, audio-visual specialist



Kevin Chavous, ASLA, AICP, LEED

Urban Design Planner

Joined MCPC: April 2001

Contact Info: 610.278.3731 • kchavous@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Planning/Landscape Architecture – Penn State University

Primary Responsibilities:

Conceptual design projects, development reviews, sustainable design practices



Naomi Crimm

Community Planner II

Joined MCPC: January 2022

Contact Info: 610.278.3748 • ncrimm@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Regional Planning – Cornell University

B.A. Environmental Studies – Bates College

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for Collegeville Borough, West Norriton Township, Douglass Township, and West Pottsgrove Township



Jason Emmel

Senior GIS Coordinator

Joined MCPC: September 2018

Contact Info: 610.278.3749 • jemmel@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Community and Regional Planning – Temple University

Certificate Environmental Sustainability – Temple University

Primary Responsibilities:

Online mapping administration and development and GIS coordination with county GIS Manager



Donna Fabry, CFM

Senior Trails & Open Space Planner

Joined MCPC: December 2014

Contact Info: 610.278.3445 • dfabry@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Community and Regional Planning – Temple University
B.A. Communications – Penn State University

Primary Responsibilities:

Open space and trail planning and open space conservation



Dan Farina Jr., AICP

Senior County Planner

Joined MCPC: February 2016

Contact Info: 610.278.3728 • dfarina@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City Planning – University of Pennsylvania
B.A. Urban Studies and Community Development – Rutgers University

Primary Responsibilities:

Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program, countywide data collection, data analysis and report generation, school district enrollment projection services, countywide trends analysis



Ellis Foley, AICP, LEED Green Assoc.

Environmental Planner II

Joined MCPC: July 2018

Contact Info: 610.278.3729 • efoley@montcopa.org

Education:

M.S. Sustainable Engineering (Infrastructure & the Built Environment) – Villanova University
B.S. Biology and Environmental Science – Trinity College

Primary Responsibilities:

Sustainability, climate change and resiliency, stormwater, green infrastructure, and floodplain; conservation and environmental protection; water supply and wastewater planning



Juliana Guarna

Principal Graphic Designer II

Joined MCPC: June 1985

Contact Info: 610.278.3752 • jguarna@montcopa.org

Education:

Commercial Art – The University of Akron

Web Development Certificate – Montgomery County Community College

Primary Responsibilities:

Development and design of digital and printed materials, artistic/technical resource to staff and other departments, print material management



Veronica Harris

Recycling Manager

Joined MCPC: January 2015

Contact Info: 610.278.3744 • vharris@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Business Management – Penn State University

Certified Recycling Professional

Primary Responsibilities:

Assistance to municipalities, residents, and businesses in fulfilling the recycling requirements of PA Act 101 including state reporting, recycling education, and managing countywide collection events for household hazardous waste, tires, and campaign signs



Bill Hartman, PLA

Trails & Open Space Planning Manager

Joined MCPC: February 2020

Contact Info: 610.278.3746 • bhartman@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Landscape Architecture – University of Pennsylvania

B.A. Biology – Kenyon College

Primary Responsibilities:

Trail planning, design, and construction management; open space planning and land conservation; grant management



R. Eric Jarrell

Community Planning Manager

Joined MCPC: March 1992

Contact Info: 610.278.3745 • ejarrell@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Geo-Environmental Studies – Shippensburg University
B.S. Public Administration – Shippensburg University

Primary Responsibilities:

Community planning assistance contract program and planner to Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission and Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission



Barry Jeffries, ASLA

Senior Design Planner

Joined MCPC: September 1998

Contact Info: 610.278.3444 • bjeffrie@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Landscape Architecture – University of Georgia
B.A. Economics – University of North Carolina

Primary Responsibilities:

Conceptual and landscape designs, park design, site design modifications, development reviews



Timothy Konetchy

Community Planner II

Joined MCPC: April 2021

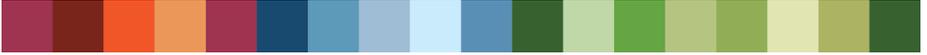
Contact Info: 610.292.4917 • tkonetchy@montcopa.org

Education:

B.A. Environmental Studies – Binghamton University

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for North Wales Borough, East Greenville Borough, Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee, and Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission



Jon Leshner, LEED Green Associate

Environmental Planning Assistant Manager

Joined MCPC: September 2008

Contact Info: 610.278.3750 • jlesher@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Community and Regional Planning – Temple University
B.A. History – Ursinus College

Primary Responsibilities:

Sustainability, renewable energy, climate change, floodplain management, sewage facilities, planner for Marlborough Township



Rita McKelvey

Principal Communications Manager

Joined MCPC: August 1984

Contact Info: 610.278.3753 • rmckelvey@montcopa.org

Education:

B.A. English and Communications – Cabrini University

Primary Responsibilities:

Communications management, social media, outreach implementation, e-communications, Planning Smarter management, municipal education coordination, special events planning, website management, newsletters and annual report, writing and editing



William McLay

Senior GIS Cartographer/
Computer System Coordinator

Joined MCPC: June 1987

Contact Info: 610.278.3485 • bmclay@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Science in Geography – Penn State University
B.S. Earth Science – Penn State University

Primary Responsibilities:

GIS analysis and maintenance, online mapping development, thematic map production, local network administrator



Anne Leavitt-Gruberger, AICP

County Planning Manager

Joined MCPC: August 2003

Contact Info: 610.278.3727 • aleavitt@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City Planning – University of Pennsylvania
B.S. Environmental Policy – University of Michigan

Primary Responsibilities:

Montgomery County comprehensive plan, Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program, housing, technical research, data analysis, farmland preservation program, local food initiative, safe routes to school/walkability audits



Robin McLean

Administrator

Joined MCPC: July 1980

Contact Info: 610.278.3726 • rmclean@montcopa.org

Education:

AAS Applied Associates Degree – Montgomery County Community College

Primary Responsibilities:

Supervision of administrative staff, office management, personnel issues, annual budget preparation, time management system and equipment, contract invoicing, management of grant contracts, procurement of supplies/equipment, recruiting, staff training



Ann Marie Meehan

Administrative Executive Assistant

Joined MCPC: September 2019

Contact Info: 610.278.3751 • ameehan@montcopa.org

Education:

B.A. English – University of Pennsylvania
A.S. Business – Montgomery County Community College

Primary Responsibilities:

Secretary for MCTA, farmland preservation board, open space board, document preparation; reception; inventory assessment; legal notices; 247 fee collection and recording; special projects





John C. Miklos

Community Planner

Joined MCPC: January 2019

Contact Info: 610.278.3554 • jmiklos@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Community Planning – University of Cincinnati
B.A. Urban Studies – University of Pittsburgh

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for Lower Frederick Township, Lower Pottsgrove Township, Lower Providence Township, Schwenksville Borough, and Rockledge Borough



Ellen Miramontes

Senior Trails & Open Space Planner

Joined MCPC: August 2019

Contact Info: 610.278.3486 • emiramontes@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City and Regional Planning – University of California at Berkeley
Master of Landscape Architecture – University of California at Berkeley
B.S. Landscape Architecture – University of California at Davis

Primary Responsibilities:

Trail planning and design, open space planning, land conservation, grant writing, and management



Chloe M. Mohr, AICP

Senior Community Planner

Joined MCPC: May 2017

Contact Info: 610.278.3739 • cmohr@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Community and Regional Planning/Certificate in Transportation Planning – Temple University
B.A. Music – Oberlin College

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for Narberth Borough, Hatboro Borough, Lower Providence Township, and Upper Salford Township.



Michael Narcowich, AICP

Community Planning Assistant Manager

Joined MCPC: March 2003

Contact Info: 610.278.5238 • mnarcowi@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Regional Planning – University of North Carolina
B.A. History – American University

Primary Responsibilities:

Assistant manager of community planning assistance contract program and planner for Abington Township and Lansdale Borough



Anne Nygard

Community Planner II

Joined MCPC: February 2022

Contact Info: 610.278.3887 • anygard@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of City and Regional Planning – Temple University
B.S. Physics, B.S. Mathematics – Tulane University

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for Cheltenham Township and Springfield Township



Brian Olszak

Senior Trails & Open Space Planner

Joined MCPC: December 2014

Contact Info: 610.278.3737 • bolszak@montcopa.org

Education:

M.S. Community and Regional Planning – Temple University
B.A. English and Philosophy – Loyola College in Maryland

Primary Responsibilities:

Open space and trail planning, open space conservation, planner for Worcester Township, intern coordinator



Matthew Popek, AICP

Transportation Planning Assistant Manager

Joined MCPC: June 2015

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Education:

Master of Community and Regional Planning – Temple University
B.S. Geography (Urban and Regional Development) – Penn State University

Primary Responsibilities:

County Transportation Program (CTP) administration, right-of-way acquisition oversight, Montgomery County Transportation Authority (MCTA) administration, technical data and trend analysis



Lauren Sendel-Grant

Principal Transportation Planner

Joined MCPC: March, 2021

Contact Info: 610.278.3734 • lsendelgrant@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Civil Engineering – Temple University

Primary Responsibilities:

Ridge Pike Improvement Project construction oversight, County Transportation Program (CTP), road & bridges department liaison, regional grant selection team, Montco representative to DVRPC Incident Management, regional safety and operations task forces



Drew Shaw, AICP, APA

Environmental Planning Manager

Joined MCPC: September 1985

Contact Info: 610.278.3733 • dshaw@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Regional Planning – Penn State University
B.S. Environmental Studies/Geology – Binghamton University

Primary Responsibilities:

Stormwater issues (NPDES, Act 167 plans, special studies), municipal waste planning, hazard mitigation planning, environmental protection (natural areas inventory and development review for environmental impacts)



Anastasia Somers

Principal Graphic Designer II

Joined MCPC: August 2003

Contact Info: 610.278.3239 • asomers@montcopa.org

Education:

National Diploma – Design (Visual Communications) Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland

Primary Responsibilities:

Development and design of digital and printed materials for a variety of publications and story mapping and web experience design and application



Claire Warner

Community Planner II

Joined MCPC: March 2019

Contact Info: 610.278.3755 • cwarner@montcopa.org

Education:

Master of Community Planning – University of Maryland

B.A. Sociology – University of Maryland

Primary Responsibilities:

Planner for Bridgeport Borough, Lower Salford Township, Upper Dublin Township, and Upper Moreland Township



Troy A. Woodyard

Principal Graphic Designer II

Joined MCPC: April 2015

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Education:

B.S. Graphic Design – The Art Institute of Philadelphia

Graphic/Web Design Certificates – University of the Arts

Primary Responsibilities:

Design of reports, newsletters, promotional materials, digital media, public event displays, infographics; logos, website content management, photography asset management, video editing





Stephen Zbyszinski

Farmland Preservation Planner

Joined MCPC: February 2017

Contact Info: 610.278.5960 • szbyszinski@montcopa.org

Education:

B.S. Geography and Planning – Bloomsburg University

Primary Responsibilities:

Administrator of farmland preservation program and 247 plan submissions and database maintenance



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